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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER OF TITLE I PL 480

SALE TO EGYPT

REF: STATE 85946

1. MET WITH FAHMY TODAY TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE PARA 4 REFTEL. IN DOING SO, I REMINDED HIM THAT IN OUR CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WE HAVE NEVER IN ANY WAY SOUGHT TO INTERFERE WITH EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND ASSURED HIM WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THAT POLICY. FAHMY INDICATED HE WAS ABSOLUTELY SATISFIED ON THIS SCORE.

2. WHEN OUTLINING TO FAHMY LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS RE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES TRADING WITH OR PERMITTING THEIR VESSELS OR AIRCRAFT TO CALL IN CUBA OR NORTH VIET-NAM, HE IMMEDIATELY STATED THAT:

A. EGYPT IS NOT REPEATING NOT SENDING ANY
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STRATEGIC MATERIALS TO EITHER CUBA OR NORTH VIET-

NAM; AND

B. NEITHER EGYPTIAN VESSELS NOR AIRCRAFT CALL IN EITHER COUNTRY. WE DISCUSSED WHETHER EGYPT-AIR FLIGHTS TO FAR EAST, WHICH CURRENTLY OVERFLY NORTH VIET-NAM, STOP THERE. HE SAID THEY DO NOT AND NOTED THE ONLY REASON EGYPTAIR NOW OVERFLIES NORTH VIET-NAM IS BECAUSE IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OVER-FLIGHT RIGHTS WHICH IT IS SEEKING TO GET. FAHMY SAID WE CAN TAKE HIS COMMENTS AS CONFIRMATION OF OUR OWN IMPRESSION THAT ANY EGYPTIAN TRADE WITH CUBA IS LIMITED TO NON-STRATEGIC MATERIALS.

3. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO OBTAIN TRADE DATA ON ACTUAL EGYPTIAN TRADE WITH CUBA AND/OR NORTH VIET-NAM, BUT HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO COME UP WITH FIGURES. HOWEVER, SENIOR MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT TRADE WITH BOTH OF THESE COUNTRIES IS QUITE INSIGNIFICANT. HE CONFIRMED NO STRATEGIC MATERIALS ARE INVOLVED.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE DISCREET EFFORTS OBTAIN DATA, BUT ARE NOT CONFIDENT WE WILL SUCCEED. HOPE FAHMY'S STATEMENT REPORTED ABOVE WILL SUFFICE TO REQUEST NEEDED PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.

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